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1. During March 1952 a commission of penicillin experts from the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Rumania conferred with Kossuth Prize-winner Dr. Zoltan Földi in Hungary.
2. Földi has worked in bacteriological and chemical research with Árpád Gerecs, now at the University of Szeged; Rezső König, head of the Chemical Research Institute, Tibor Vadkerty and Loránt Sárdy, research engineers at the Chinoin Laboratories.
3. Földi has been supervising production of penicillin and related products at the Chinoin Manufacturing Co.; these products constitute the main production of the factory. Most of the production goes to the Soviet Union, only small amounts are being retained for emergency cases in Hungary.
4. Földi was recently appointed Director General and head of the laboratories of the new Hajdusági Gyógyszergyár plant, near Debrecen. Although the plant has not yet been entirely completed, laboratory work has already begun. The administrative director is a Soviet doctor and most of the staff is composed of Soviet personnel. Production is mainly slated for the Soviet Union.

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by-products and derivatives:

penicillin

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- a. Supracillin Oily wax foundation. Can be used like penicillin and does not need to be heated. Effective if used within two weeks of preparation. An ineffectual powdered form exists. Research continues.
 - b. Pas (Para-amino-salicylum). Good results.
 - c. Ergosterin Difficult to produce, but the Chinoin plant, using milecium (the penicillin by-product) has succeeded in manufacturing large quantities. Basic element of vitamin D2.
 - d. Streptomycin)
e. Chloromycetin)
f. Avromycin)
g. Terramycin)
h. Bacitracin)
- Research is advanced, but the problem of keeping these drugs stable for long periods of time has not yet been solved.

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